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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER CFR § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2001, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time for three months from April 19, 2001 up to and including July 19, 2001, with the fee by charge card account.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph of page 1, with the paragraph below:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/150,705, which was converted on May 10, 1999, from Application No. 09/084,942, filed May 26, 1998 (Heifetz et al., attorney docket no. CGC2010). The disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference in its entirety into the instant disclosure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A method for conferring resistance or tolerance to a virus upon a cell comprising the step of: introducing into a cell a sense RNA fragment of a viral genome or portion thereof and an antisense RNA fragment of said viral genome or portion thereof, wherein said sense RNA fragment

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